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Road roughness quality is measured using the International Roughness Index (IRI).



The IRI is defined as a numerical value that is an accumulation of the inches of vertical movement of a vehicle. It is a measurement of the "bumpiness" of the road. SHA measures IRI at a 2/10^{ths} of a mile interval.



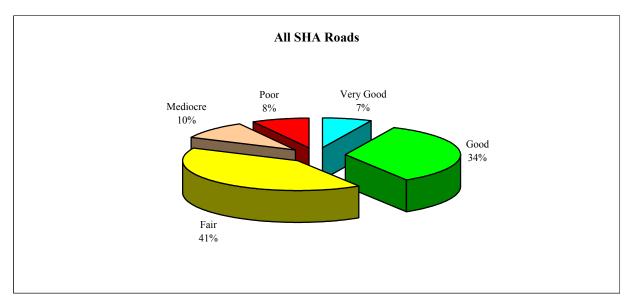
Low values (0-94) indicate a very smooth riding quality, while higher values, (above 220), indicate a rougher riding road.

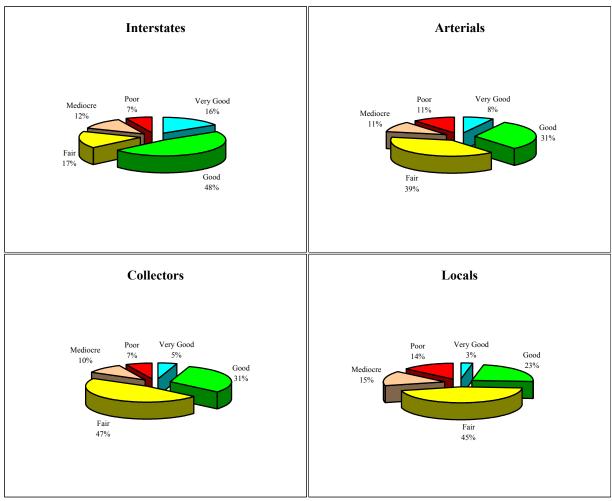


The range of IRI for each category is based on limits set by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its Highway Performance Monitoring System.

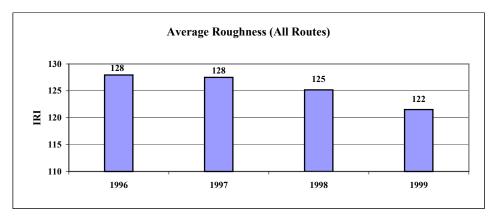
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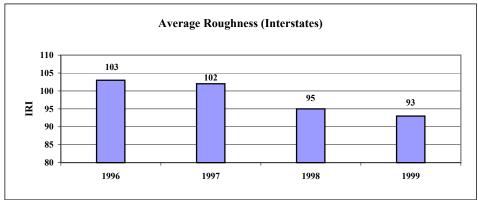
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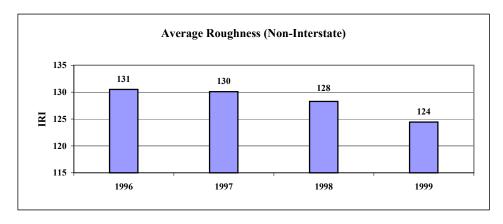




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Condition	IRI-Interstates	IRI-Other Routes
Very Good	0 - 60	0 - 60
Good	61 - 94	61 - 94
Fair	95 - 119	95 - 170
Mediocre	120 - 170	171 - 220
Poor	> 170	> 220